Reconsideration of the transfer policy for Chief Justice of High Court

3111. **SHRI** PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court has stated the present policy of transferring Chief Justices from one High Court to another is not in the public interest and that it will undermine the independence of the judiciary and goes, against the rule of law; and

(b) if so, whether Government are reconsidering its policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, in his letter dated 12.2.1988 addressed to the President of India, has sought premature voluntary retirement with effect from 2.5.88 on account of the illness of his wife. In this letter, he has *inter-alia* suggested that the policy of transferring Chief Justices of High Courts from outside may be given a second look as it is not in the public interest and would undermine the independence of judiciary which would prove destructive of the rule of law.

The policy of having Chief Justices in High Courts from outside has been evolved after deliberation on demands from various responsible bodies and has been adopted since 1983. The Govt. adheres to this policy. In each case, the transfer is affected after consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

Personal Laws

3112. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any referendum or opinion poll has been or is proposed to be conducted among the minorities to modify the Personal Laws with a view to securing equality and justice to women and girls in respect of various social aspects including marriage, divorce, succession and maintenance etc.; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Composite production centre

3113. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a composite production centre with the help of private sector for Defence Research in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) DRDO is setting a composite production facility at Hyderabad, the running of which may be handed over to a production agency adept in managing large production centres.

(b) It is still under negotiation and it is premature to give any details at this stage.

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

3114. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राजभाषा के संवर्द्धन, प्रसार तथा प्रयोग के लिए तथा देवनागरी लिपि वाले टेलेक्स, कम्प्यूटर और टेलीप्रिन्टर आदि रखने के लिए विदेश मंत्रालय और राजदूतावासों को आदेश जारी किए हैं ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या विदेश मंत्रालय ने अब तक हिन्दी को राजभाषा मानकर इसे प्रयोग करना आरम्भ नहीं किया है ?